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SUBJ: STARR KIDNAPPING; STATEMENT BY GUARACAS

1. MAY 18 EDITION OF "VOZ PROLETARIA", THE OFFICIAL WEEKLY JOURNAL OF THE COLOMBIAN COMMUNIST PARTY, CARRIES A MESSAGE FROM TARCISIO GUARACAS TO THE PARTY ORGANIZATIONS AND TO HIS PARTY COMRADES. IN THE MESSAGE, GUARACAS ANNOUNCES HIS RETURN TO THEIR RANKS AND EXPRESSES HIS GRATITUDE TO THOSE WHO GOT HIM OUT OF PRISON THROUGH THEIR INTELLIGENT USE OF THE LAW. MOST OF THE MESSAGE CONSISTS OF FAMILIAR REVOLUTIONARY CLICHES.

2. THE ARTICLE IS NOTEWORTHY AS THE FIRST "OFFICIAL" ACKNOWLEDGEMENT BY GUARACAS AND THE PARTY THAT HE IS IN FACT FREE. ALTHOUGH HIS LAWYER HAD REPORTED HIS RELEASE EARLIER, IT PRESUMABLY TOOK GUARACAS SOME DAYS TO GET BACK TO A SAFE REVOLUTIONARY FOLD, PRESUMABLY IN ONE OF THE AREAS OF FARC CONCENTRATION. WE TAKE THIS ARTICLE AS AN INDICATION THAT HE HAS NOW DONE THIS AND THAT, CONSEQUENTLY, FARC SHOULD HAVE NO DOUBTS ABOUT HIS SAFETY AND WHEREABOUTS.

3. GUARACAS' MESSAGE MAKES NO MENTION OF THE STARR CASE.

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